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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): DEBT DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, BILLING SYSTEM, DEBT DISTRIBUTION METHOD,
AND STORAGE MEDIUM, FOR USE IN A CONTENT DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-16; 13 sheets) are attached.
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A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
This patent application is assigned to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.
☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____.--
Priority of foreign application No. 2001-000386 filed January 5, 2001 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
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